


# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

Date: February 10, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman Carlos A. Gimenez,  
and Members, Regional Transportation  
Committee

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Subject: February 2005 Monthly Progress Report

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Supplement to  
Agenda Item No. 1(E)4

Attached please find the February 2005 Monthly Progress Report for the Aviation department. It was inadvertently omitted from the agenda kit.

  
Assistant County Manager

## **Aviation Department Goals**

### **Goal #1:**

#### **Determine governance structure for MIA**

At this time, there is nothing further to report on this matter.

### **Goal #2:**

#### **Expediting the Capital Improvement Program**

During the Fiscal Year ending on September 30, 2004, more than \$425 million of CIP-related design, construction, and quality-assurance activities were completed and paid for by MDAD. That translates to approximately \$1.7 million every working day. We are projecting the same pace of work through the first quarter of 2006.

Projects under construction total more than \$2.8 billion and include North Terminal Development, South Terminal Development, Central Chiller Plant, Midfield Apron Taxiway Improvements, Miscellaneous Security Improvements, and Total Airport Management Systems (TAMS), including Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE), Airport Operations Information Systems (AOIS), Building Management Systems (BMS), and Premise Distribution System (PASI).

Nine new gates in the North Terminal, D-Extension area were completed and placed in operation in 2004. Existing Concourse-B gates have been de-commissioned and, after selective salvage of equipment and materials, this concourse will be demolished in early 2005. Two additional Gates on NTD are scheduled to be completed and opened in June 2005. South Terminal Development work is about 50% complete and Substantial Completion is projected for the spring of 2006.

The MIA Mover project will connect MIA to the Rental Car Facility (RCF) located on the east side of Lejuene Road via an elevated Automated People Mover (APM). The RFP for selection of a Design-Build-Operate-Maintain (DBOM) contractor was advertised in December 2004. Responses to the RFP will be received on March 23, 2005.

### **Goal #3:**

#### **Bring final resolution to the noise problem**

#### **Status:**

MIA's aircraft noise mitigation program continues with progress and challenges on many fronts:

- The update to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Operational changes at MIA is progressing on schedule. Consultants were given a six-week time frame to complete the Draft document; this has been completed on time. A review of the

document has been completed by staff and comments forwarded to consultants. Document expected to be sent to FAA first week in February.

- MDAD has purchased a computer program called “Real Contours”. This program will allow staff to generate noise contours based on actual flight path data instead of computer simulation.
- Phase 2 of Operational Procedure changes to begin upon FAA approval of Phase 1.
- Implementing Noise Mitigation Procedures at Opa-locka Airport (OPF) that were outlined in the EA. The EA was a joint effort between MDAD and the Noise Abatement Task Force for OPF.
- The MIA Airport Zoning Ordinance sponsored by Commissioner Diaz has been passed by the BCC. Two Interlocal Agreements with the cities of Miami and Doral to support the Ordinance are scheduled for Board consideration on February 1, 2005. MDAD continues to work on the Ordinance for OPF and Homestead Airport.
- MDAD continues to evaluate the Part 150 issue. A presentation on the 150 process pros/cons was given to the NATF-MIA by our acoustical consulting firm. A briefing on the status of the EA was also provided.

A PowerPoint presentation on the differences between the EA, Zoning Ordinances and Part 150 has been developed by Staff and is available for review by the Committee.

#### **Goal # 4:**

**Reversing the passenger traffic lost by making significant in-roads into new markets, including low-fare carriers, Europe, Africa, etc.**

#### **Low-cost carriers:**

- No changes in status from previous report.
- Presentation to fifth low-cost carrier postponed by carrier until early 2005.
- An Air Service Incentives Program was presented to the Miami Airport Affairs Committee on January 26, 2005.

#### **Europe:**

England: American Airlines commenced new non-stop seasonal service to Manchester, England in November 2004.

Finland: Finnish carrier, Finnair, re-established seasonal service at MIA in December 2004.

No changes in status with other European carriers.

#### **Middle East:**

No change in status from previous report.

**Africa:**

Updated air service feasibility studies for route development to MIA are to be presented to airlines in South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria between January 27-February 3, 2005.

**Asia:**

No change in status from previous report.